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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Cross-Reference to Related Application on the first page of the specification with the following amended Cross-Reference to Related Application:

This application is a continuation-in-part ~~claims the benefit~~ of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/305,379 filed on November 26, 2002 entitled "Load-Bearing Body Panel Assembly for a Motor Vehicle", which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.